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For Rep. Musgrave

During the past few weeks, I have watched the banter between individuals who consistently oppose Rep. Marilyn Musgrave, R-Colo., on everything she does, and those who seem to agree with every-

thing she does.

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 Web site: http://musgrave.house.gov/ I don't consider myself in either of those courts, nor do I consider any politician to always be right or always be wrong, but I would like to share the following story that the public deserves to hear.

My boyfriend, who is a member of the Colorado National Guard, was recently deployed to Louisiana in an effort to help with the horrific results of Hurricane Katrina. Without going into great detail about the circumstances, it was evi-

dent from a phone call from him that he needed help, and the first person that came to mind was Congresswoman Musgrave.

On top of the emotion that I was feeling after the phone call, it also was a Saturday. Who can you contact in government on a Saturday? I took my chances. I hurriedly searched the Internet for contact information for Musgrave's office. I truly didn't feel that I would reach anyone, but the public deserves to know that our tax dollars are at work in Musgrave's office.

On that very Saturday, I was able to reach Jace Ratzlaff in Musgrave's Las Animas office. Anticipating the rejection to work on my issue I hesitated. Ratzlaff was quick to help me with my concerns.

Who would have thought: government in action on a Saturday?

Ratzlaff also stated that he would do what he could in regard to my issue, and would notify me when he either had a resolution or had more information that he could share. That same day, Ratzlaff called me and much to my relief he had contacted the appropriate office on our behalf.

I want to publicly thank Congresswoman Marilyn Musgrave and her staff for the lengths they went through to help a deployed member of the Colorado National Guard.

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